



University of Alberta Students' Union
**Lister Representative
Meeting**

Thursday, September 29, 2016

**5.00PM
SUB 6-06**

Minutes

- 1. Update** We have about \$12,000 of LHSA money left, which we might be able to use for programming. LHSA is starting back up again, so we don't want to leave them with nothing. We're comfortable with using half of the money, which would be 1,500 per tower.

- 2. Programming Ideas** RAs and Crew Leaders already doing a lot of programming, so a lot of coordination is going to be necessary.

Not a lot of tower events are being planned, and they do their planning monthly so no one knows what's happening until right before it happens.

- 3. RAC** The terms of reference has seats for presidents of associations but Lister doesn't have one. We updated it to say that a CORA representative could come instead of the RHA president, so the Lister Representatives can possibly fill that position.

Francesca will communicate this to CORA and hopefully they'll be alright with it as they already have seats.

- 4. Meal Plan** Brought up a lot of questions in town halls and other meetings and didn't get a lot of answers.

Resident feedback: Almost everyone thinks it's too expensive, too inconvenient, not very sustainable. Some thought it was alright but that a lot needed to be updated to make it work. For people who eat a lot, it looks good, for people who don't, it looks like a waste of money. Almost everyone has a problem with having to go back to Lister to eat. Flex dollars: phases out lower income people or those who rely on support. Increasing the amount would be helpful. However, there's concern about the plan costing even more if there's more flex dollars.

Considered possibility of having multiple tiers for those who want to cook more, but other places that have this have been phasing it out because people are running out of money. This could be solved by making sure expectations are clear.

Lister Representatives will encourage residents to fill out online feedback forms.

Some problems with the meal plan can be solved by aramark modifying the plan, but some problems are unique to the U of A, so Lister Representatives should put pressure on them regarding the issues that are U of A specific.

5. Lister 5

They talked about having a kitchen and having someone teach about cooking, but it would only be on the first floor and would be a show kitchen that students can't use. Apparently this is because we complain that they don't set students up for success, so they're looking at workshops to "solve" the issue.

It was suggested that if residents want to cook they should go to a different residence, but they can't apply to other residences in first year, and it's difficult for students to just go to another tower to use another floor's kitchen. The new Lister meal plan also doesn't help students learn how to budget their food money.

They need to budget more plug ins to put stoves/etc on each floor of Lister 5, as of right now all residents will have is microwaves. It looks like they're not putting cooking infrastructure so that residents will have to go to the cafeteria.

There won't be laundry on each floor, just in one big laundry room on the main floor or basement.

6. Outreach

Outreach has been alright, connecting with first years by using upper years to network has been effective. However, most residents are preparing for midterms and don't seem very concerned with advocacy and outreach work.

Representatives may need a printing budget for some outreach, and should make better use of social media. Francesca will look at setting up the residence feedback form again.